



THE CAMPAIGN.

A Red-Hot Mayoralty Fight Among Democrats.

The Republicans Pretty Badly Demoralized Just Now.

Great Anxiety Over West and South Town Assessorships.

General Outline of the Political Situation as It Exists.

The Mayoralty fight is getting to be a very pretty one. It appears to be assumed, at least by Republican newspaper organs, that the Republicans are not in it this spring. Perhaps they are not, but if the Democrats put up a bad ticket, some such combination as George R. Davis or John M. Smyth for Mayor and Mat Benner or Ernest Fecker, Jr., for City Treasurer might upset Democratic calculations.

The Democrats have one great advantage over the Republicans, not taking into account their fine majority of last fall—they have few back-cappers in their ranks.

On the other hand, the Republicans are beset with a plague of back-biters and backcappers.

Most of the men who have held office for the past thirty years at the gift of the Republican party are out fighting it now, or what is worse, are sowing the seeds of discord as pretended Republicans. The Republican offices, or rather the offices still filled by Republicans, are the spawning grounds for more abuse of people in their own ranks than many persons have any idea of.

In a word, the Republican party locally is demoralized, and its demoralization is due almost entirely to the selfishness and ingratitude of the cormorants who have fattened on its gifts.

The Democratic party, on the other hand, never was stronger. The mischief-makers who formerly were potent for evil were the discontented, silly-billy members of social clubs, who always imagined that it was their duty to either rule or ruin the party. In view of the fact that 36,000 majority was given in Chicago for the Democratic ticket last fall, the Democratic social club feature falls back upon its familiar and well-worn lines of gossiping about other social club freaks. The body of the people, who are little for social clubs and less for dudes, are so greatly in the majority in the local Democracy that little mosquito bites no longer disturb them.

This being a true outline of the respective conditions of the two parties, the Democrats would appear to have a shade the best of the situation. And, having a shade the best of it, all of the available timber in the party is out for the offices, while in the Republican party it is hard to get the available timber to even consent to be talked of for positions.

Both Mr. Harrison and Mr. Hesing have had the field to themselves up to the present week. Mr. Hesing has made a very fine canvass and many friends, while Mr. Harrison, who is as adroit as he is affable, has been working like a beaver.

In the meantime one active candidate, Jacob W. Richards, has withdrawn from the field, saying that he does not want any Mayoralty in his, but that he would like to be Collector of Customs.

Lambert Tree, who was talked of as a dark horse, sent word to the

Eagle that he did not want to be mentioned as a candidate, as he could under no circumstances accept the office of Mayor.

Meanwhile Mr. John A. King's friends have not been idle. Proceeding on the theory that the West Side should get the Mayor, they have organized an exceedingly strong combination, largely composed of men who have never experienced much difficulty in leading the big West Side wards into a convention. Ex-Mayor Cregier's friends are making a stronger fight than most people give them credit for, and it would not be surprising if that gentleman had a big following in the convention.

There is also a quiet movement on foot to nominate ex-Judge Barnum and another to nominate Potter Palmer, so that, between quiet movements and movements that are not so quiet, there is no dearth of gentlemen who are willing to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of the community.

THE CITY CLERKSHIP.

This Fine Plumb Much Sought After by Ambitious Politicians.

For the City Clerkship, it appears to be almost certain that the Republicans will renominate Mr. J. R. B. Van Cleave, the present very efficient incumbent. It is not so certain as to Mr. Van Cleave's intentions. Some say that he does not want a renomination. Mr. Charles D. Gastfield, the popular chief clerk in Mr. Van Cleave's office, is in the lead for the Democratic nomination at this writing. Mr. James C. Strain, the popular and hard-working Secretary of the Democratic Committee, has recently announced himself as a candidate, and so has George McDonald, of the Eleventh Ward. The nomination for this office will depend very much on who is put up for City Treasurer—the question of nationality also cutting some figure.

The office of City Clerk, from a political standpoint, is one of great importance, and the Democrats have not had control of it since 1885.

FOR WEST TOWN ASSESSOR.

The Liveliest Kind of a Battle Over the Democratic Nomination.

The Republicans will renominate Edward J. Dwyer for West Town Assessor.

It is hard to tell who the Democrats will nominate, there are so many good men in the field. There is ex-Assessor Timothy E. Ryan, who will come in with a solid delegation from the big Nineteenth Ward, and ex-Assessor Thomas A. Cantwell, who will come in with a big delegation from the big Twelfth Ward. Then Supervisor Frank J. Niehoff believes that he is better fitted for Assessor than for Supervisor, and he is in the field with a large following. Mr. Dennis Considine is being pushed by an army of friends, and so is Thomas Fitzgerald.

The Eighteenth Ward and some more wards are out strong for Alderman William F. Mahoney.

Altogether the fight is a most promising one.

THE SOUTH TOWN ASSESSORSHIP.

A Close Fight Probable Between William Fitzgerald and Jacob W. Richards.

There is going to be a close fight for the Democratic nomination for South Town Assessor between Jacob W. Richards and William Fitzgerald. The latter claims that he has the two Bridgeport wards dead to rights, while the former says he is mistaken. There will be a hard fight at the primaries over the matter.

IS A TRUE CHICAGOAN.

Sketch of Washington Hesing's Life and Local Work.

The events of the last three or four weeks have brought Washington Hesing to the front as a formidable candidate for Mayor on the Democratic side, says the Chicago Tribune. His chances for a nomination are now as good as those of Carter H. Harrison. His friends say they are better. He is working with untiring energy to command success. As a leading candidate he will occupy a large share in public attention, and the following sketch of him may not be without interest.

Although not born in Chicago, Washington Hesing is a thorough Chicagoan. He was born in Cincinnati May 14, 1848, and came here with his parents when he was five years of

age. Here he received his education, and as a young man entered public life. For the last twenty-two years he has been associated in all movements tending to the promotion of Chicago's growth, and has always, upon opportunity presented itself, interested himself in public affairs.

His father, A. C. Hesing, came from Germany in 1839 and settled in Cincinnati. In the year 1854 the family came to Chicago. Young Hesing attended the Kinzie School between 1858 and 1861. Then he went to Germany with his mother to attend school in that country, and upon his return entered the University of St. Mary's of the Lake. Subsequently he attended the Chicago University, prepared for college under Dr. Quackenboss, and in 1866 entered Yale College, from which he graduated in 1870 as B. A. Three years afterwards he took his degree as Master of Arts.

Immediately after his graduation he went to Europe and attended lectures at Berlin and Heidelberg, and there received a sound education in political economy, science of government, history and literature. He was in Europe during the entire period of the Franco-Prussian war. He had intended to take the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Heidelberg, but the great fire of 1871 called him home and compelled him to enter on the serious work of life.

In November, 1871, he became associated with the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, which had lost everything by the great disaster, and began at the bottom round of the ladder. The financial crisis of 1873 was to him, like to many others, disastrous. It was not until April, 1880, that the full effects of this financial crisis had disappeared, and Washington Hesing became the managing editor and the controlling spirit of the Staats-Zeitung, the most important and prosperous German newspaper west of New York.

In 1872 Mr. Hesing entered public life, having been appointed a member of the City Board of Education by the then Mayor, the Hon. Joseph Medill, who offered him a reappointment in 1873. Owing to press of business, however, Mr. Hesing declined. In August, 1880, he was elected a member of the County Board of Education, and two years thereafter was honored with its Presidency.

His first experience on the stump was in 1872, when, not 23 years of age, he took an active part in the Grant campaign, making speeches in the English and German languages for the Republican party. In 1873 he was active in that movement which resulted in the success of the People's party. In 1874 he was tendered the nomination to Congress, but declined and subsequently conducted the campaign for Carter H. Harrison for Congress.

The Staats-Zeitung in the meantime having become an independent newspaper, Mr. Hesing retired from active politics and it was not until the school question in 1890 that he entered the campaign and again interested himself in public life. His intimate knowledge of city affairs and of the needs of Chicago prompted Mayor Cregier to appoint him on a commission which was to devise ways and means for the bettering of the condition of the city during the World's Fair. Mayor Washburne also made him a member of what was known as the Intramural Commission, whose duty it was to consider the city's inadequate transportation facilities and recommend some remedy. The report of that Commission, which elicited much comment, was written by Mr. Hesing.

In the last campaign Mr. Hesing took no small part, and leading Democrats say that to him and the Staats-Zeitung, more than to anything else, is due the Democratic victory in this city, county, and State. He was telegraphed for by Grover Cleveland in August last, went to Gray Gables and subsequently to New York, and there made the prophecy that if certain things were done by the managers of the Democratic party the State of Illinois and Wisconsin could be carried for Mr. Cleveland, and that he could be elected without New York.

Mr. Hesing, in 1873, was President of the Union Catholic Library Association of this city, and he is today

a member of the German Press Club, of the English Press Club, of the Iroquois Club, of the Washington Park Club, of the Germania Club, of the University Club, of the Sheridan Club, of the Athletic Club and of the Columbus Club. Mr. Hesing is what one might call an all-around man, and whether you see him in the club or on the road behind his team of trotters, for his figure has been for many years well known upon the roads of this city, or whether you see him in his office or in his private life, or in the heat of a political campaign, he is always the same affable, genial and good-natured Wash.

Having lived here practically all his life, and associated with so many different elements of our cosmopolitan population, he has become a familiar appearance upon the streets, and no one is better known than he. Only the other day in Springfield at Gov. Altgeld's inauguration Mr. Hesing received the best evidence of his popularity and the highest praise of his influence by the fact that the politicians from all over the State honored him and expressed their gratitude for the good services he had rendered in the last campaign.

Mr. Hesing is a thoroughly cultured and polished man, fully acquainted with the needs and wants of the municipality, a man who always has the courage of his convictions, aggressive, self-reliant, and a man of the world who has spent many months in traveling in Europe, during which time he has made a study of municipal governments. Young, active and vigorous, speaking three languages, he appears to be a likely Democratic candidate for the Mayoralty during the World's Fair.

JAMES REYNOLDS FOR ALDERMAN.

He is Making a Great Fight in the Seventeenth.

Mr. James Reynolds, the genial and popular County Central Committeeman of the Seventeenth Ward, will, unless Dame Rumor is greatly mistaken, receive the Democratic nomination for Alderman. Mr. Reynolds was born in Woodstock, Ill., in 1858. His parents came to Chicago in 1872, moving into the Seventeenth Ward, where Mr. Reynolds has since resided. His mother died in 1885, leaving upon his shoulders the care and support of his aged father, who has been almost totally blind for thirty years. He did not falter, but steadfastly undertook the task and has provided him with a pleasant home, the comforts of life, and the companionship of a loving and dutiful son, whose chief aim is to bring as much sunshine as possible into his aged father's pathway during his declining years. Mr. Reynolds has just been re-elected for the two-year term as County Central Committeeman of his ward. He is a member of various orders, and among those in which he prominently figures are: Crescent Lodge, A. O. U. W.; Court Acme, I. O. E.; Logan Tribe of Red Men; De Molay Lodge, K. P. He is an extremely genial and popular gentleman, even-tempered, well poised, with a fine education and affable manner, a man of strict integrity, an earnest and efficient worker, possessing the respect and esteem of all who know him; in fact, he is best liked where he is best known. He is a leader of the young Democracy in his ward, and the young men are generally correct when they single out a candidate as particularly worthy of their support. Mr. Reynolds has been weighed in the balance by this class of voters, and without regard to party lines, they have declared that he has not been "found wanting." He has earned his living "by the sweat of his brow" and his heart is with the sons of toil. He has always been the friend of the workingman, and is known far and wide for his broad and liberal views. Mr. Reynolds can stand as an example of the possibilities of an energetic, sturdy and straightforward citizen of to-day. It is his sterling worth that now causes his name to be so favorably received by all factions that have the good of the party at heart.

Mr. Reynolds is a working Democrat—and his "staid in the breach" for his party, and has contributed liberally of his time and money.

His large experience, his discreet and mature judgment, keen percep-

tion, and farsightedness mark him as a "winner," and insure to the residents of his ward, if he be elected, the exercise and advantage of all these excellent qualities. Mr. Reynolds would make an able and efficient member of the City Council, and have his "eagle eye" open for the varied and important interests of the Seventeenth Ward.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES.

People Named for Every Office in the Gift of the Voters.

Following is a list of persons talked of by their friends, or who are candidates for the various offices in the gift of the people:

Mayor.	
Democrat.	Republican.
Carter H. Harrison.	George B. Davis.
Washington Hesing.	Louis C. Hueb.
John A. King.	George H. Swift.
J. C. Cregier.	John M. Smyth.
Jacob W. Richards.	James A. Sexton.
	Robert L. Martin.
City Treasurer.	
Henry Stuckart.	Arthur Dixon.
Michael J. Brandfield.	Fred M. Mount.
Patrick H. Duggan.	Fred L. Wilk.
John W. Enright.	
John S. Cooke.	
City Attorney.	
Chas. F. M. Allen.	Judson F. Geling.
George A. Trade.	W. T. Underwood.
W. C. Asay.	
W. Fenimore Cooper.	
City Clerk.	
Charles Gastfield.	Jas. R. B. VanCleave.
Thomas J. O'Neill.	
Assessor.	
Jacob W. Richards.	B. R. DeYoung.
E. X. Brandecker, Jr.	William T. Hall.
James Crawford.	Henry T. Carr.
Thomas A. Clark.	
WEST TOWN.	
Thomas A. Cantwell.	E. J. Dwyer.
Timothy E. Ryan.	John W. Hickey.
Dennis Considine.	
Frank J. Niehoff.	
Wm. F. Mahoney.	
Thomas A. Smyth.	
LAKE VIEW.	
George M. Bauman.	James Perse.
P. E. Brookman.	
LAKE.	
M. McInerney.	
HYDE PARK.	
G. F. Morgan.	
John Symons.	
G. K. Edwards.	
Collector.	
S. G. Miller.	
SOUTH TOWN.	
H. Olaf Hanson.	John N. Gross.
Jacob Stahler.	
NORTH TOWN.	
Emil Hoechst.	
HYDE PARK.	
Andrew Hamilton.	
E. H. Depeu.	
E. H. Thorp.	
O. L. Chadwick.	
T. S. Quincey.	
C. L. Norton.	
LAKE VIEW.	
Henry Moeng.	
Supervisor.	
James Cummings.	Peter J. Lias.
SOUTH TOWN.	
Frank L. Niesen.	
LAKE VIEW.	
William Mangler.	J. W. Belmont.
Ed Lillie.	L. Ligenstrom.
W. S. Hussander.	
Wm. A. Klee.	
For Alderman.	
John R. Morris.	Louie J. Epstein.
Thomas J. Major.	
Louis Leland.	
Dr. A. E. Ebert.	
SECOND WARD.	
John W. Woodard.	
W. T. O'Connell.	
John Summerfield.	
THIRD WARD.	
L. B. Dixon.	
Ed Smith.	
FOURTH WARD.	
Henry C. Mitchell.	Martin B. Madden.
FIFTH WARD.	
Ernest J. Magerstadt.	
John Hard.	
SIXTH WARD.	
W. J. O'Brien.	
Thomas Reed.	
SEVENTH WARD.	
W. P. Murphy.	William A. Love.
M. E. Cronin.	
EIGHTH WARD.	
Martin Morrison.	Joseph Walsh.
	Joseph M. Veibee.
	Dexter Burke.
NINTH WARD.	
	Joseph E. Bidwell.
TENTH WARD.	
John F. Dorman.	James A. Fleming.
William Harley.	William Scherwin.
	Simon Waltes.
	Pleasant Amick.
ELEVENTH WARD.	
	William D. Kent.
TWELFTH WARD.	
Wm. F. O'Hearne.	D. W. Mills.
Engene Bassler.	Alexander White.
Digory W. Baker.	Fred Boyer.
	A. O. Cooper.
THIRTEENTH WARD.	
Martin Knowled.	James T. Hawlich.
James Kinrade.	Edmund Miller.
	Tom Hicks.
	A. F. Crase.
	Fred Kimmorow.
	E. W. Standwood.
FOURTEENTH WARD.	
Philip Jackson.	William Schaefer.
John J. Block.	Henry Bartel.
Dr. Leiminger.	Herman Weinhardt.
C. C. Breyer.	Henry L. Berta.
FIFTEENTH WARD.	
	H. Michaelson.
Michael Ryan.	
Alex. Bucke.	
SIXTEENTH WARD.	
Stanley B. Kunz.	George C. Lenke.
A. J. Kowalski.	Jacob Horn.
SEVENTEENTH WARD.	
Stephen Gossell.	H. M. Dea.
James Walsh.	J. Householder.
Philip Young.	S. P. Revers.
EIGHTEENTH WARD.	
John J. Brennan.	Ed. O'Brien.
M. J. O'Brien.	
Thomas Gallagher.	
Matt W. Ryan.	
Patrick J. Morris.	
Daniel Wall.	
Joseph Kneister.	
L. W. Radice.	
NINETEENTH WARD.	
William A. Dike.	John H. Hartwick.
Paul Pohl.	G. R. Hix.
Daniel Long.	William Elefiah.
J. J. O'Donnell.	John Adank, Jr.
Anton Imhof.	
Ferdinand Luth.	
Thomas H. Glasbrook.	
Alie Zander.	
TWENTIETH WARD.	
John McGillen.	Harry C. Farwell.
TWENTY-FIRST WARD.	
Ed. Hunschefer.	
TWENTY-SECOND WARD.	
John A. Lion.	
John Nelson.	
M. J. O'Brien.	
TWENTY-THIRD WARD.	
John J. Higgins.	Thomas C. Grier.
John E. Wilson.	Charles Karaman.
W. J. K. Reed.	J. S. Dunham.
Tom Murphy.	Betty Hall.
Arthur J. Collier.	
TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.	
Frank R. Boudreau.	W. W. Hunsader.
	M. Ross.
	A. H. Kilmacke.
	Charles Schmittman.

THIRTY-SIXTH WARD.
L. Nathan.
F. F. Haynes.

THIRTY-SEVENTH WARD.
Frank McCarthy.
Edward Williams.

THIRTY-EIGHTH WARD.
Thomas Carey.

THIRTY-NINTH WARD.
Maurice Moriarty.
Adam Hansen.

THIRTIETH WARD.
James M. Heath.
J. R. Hodson.

THIRTY-FIRST WARD.
George W. Crawford.
William R. Kerr.

THIRTY-SECOND WARD.
T. C. Boyce.
H. A. Phillips.

THIRTY-THIRD WARD.
Ernest Hummel.
M. E. Gallacher.

THIRTY-FOURTH WARD.
John O'Neill.

THIRTY-FIFTH WARD.
Frank G. Hoyne.
Miss Stern.

THIRTY-SIXTH WARD.
Frank Lawler.
Walter S. Bogie.

THIRTY-SEVENTH WARD.
H. F. Darlington.
Jacob W. Richards.

THIRTY-EIGHTH WARD.
John M. Murphy.

THIRTY-NINTH WARD.
Herman Lieb.
Mrs. M. A. Mulligan.

THIRTIETH WARD.
Charles S. Crain.
Rensselaer Stone.

THIRTY-FIRST WARD.
Daniel Corkery.

THIRTY-SECOND WARD.
Francis W. Walker.
John A. May.

THIRTY-THIRD WARD.
Michael E. Bailey.
Michael Evans.

THIRTY-FOURTH WARD.
James H. Farrell.
Daniel Duffy.

THIRTY-FIFTH WARD.
A FAMOUS soap manufacturer was once asked why he did newspaper advertising altogether, and did not follow in the footsteps of other manufacturers, putting up sign-boards, printing almanacs, etc. He replied that in his experience he found that the man who did not read the newspapers never used soap.

A FLOATING paragraph credits the people of the United States with the consumption of eighty-five tons of chewing tobacco per annum. This would be an average of about one-twenty-third of an ounce for every man, woman and child. There must be some mistake. The average in Missouri alone is surely many times greater than that.

A FRENCH statesman of the last ten years who does not find a dollar mark opposite his name on the Panama list is a lucky man. He will profit more by the neglect which omitted him from the roll of Panama beneficiaries than from all the money that he would have gained if he had participated in the distribution of the boodle.

THE dynamo does not, as many suppose, make or manufacture electricity. It simply collects it, draws it from the vast supplies of Nature, just as the mill dam collects together the waters of a hundred tiny streams that empty into it and conducts them all in one sturdy stream to the mill wheel for effective work.

A NEW YORK paper offered a prize of \$5 a week for life to the winner in a guessing contest, and the plum was captured by a 14-year-old girl. The proprietor of the paper is now figuring out the value of his premium at compound interest with a view to discovering whether it wouldn't be cheaper to give her the paper.

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